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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/050,046; Filed: January 17, 2002
For: **Systems and Methods for Illuminating a Platen in a Print Scanner**
Inventors: Arnold *et al.*
Our Ref: 1823.0560000

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice of Incomplete Reply" dated April 30, 2002, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply;
2. Copy of PTO Stamped Post Card indicating that Substitute Drawings were filed on April 30, 2002; and
3. Return postcard

The "Notice of Incomplete Reply" indicates that Applicants' Reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts, filed on April 1, 2002, did not include substitute drawings, as required. Prior to receiving the "Notice of Incomplete Reply," Applicants filed formal substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 along with a one-month extension of time fee on April 30, 2002. Applicants have included a copy of the USPTO date stamped post card indicating that substitute drawings were filed on April 30, 2002. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the "Notice of Incomplete Reply" dated April 30, 2002, be withdrawn.

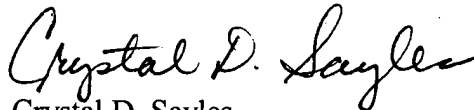
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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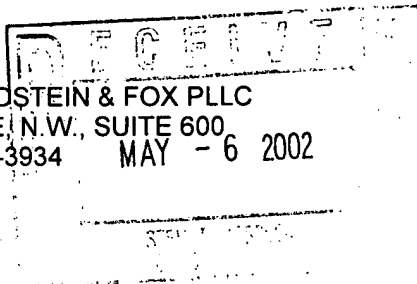
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)***Filing Date Granted***

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 04/01/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 01/31/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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Applicants: Arnold & [REDACTED]

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When receipt stamp is placed hereon, the USPTO acknowledges receipt of the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
3. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
4. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
5. Eight (8) Substitute Sheets of Formal Drawings (FIGs. 1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7, and 8);
6. Return postcard; and
7. Our Check No. 35009 for \$110.00 to cover: \$110.00 For extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.



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